

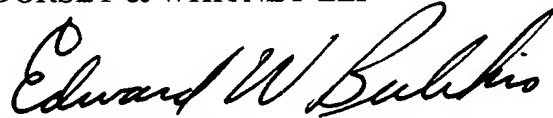
REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in this application. In the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, the Examiner took the following action: (1) rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,731,548 to Pax.

Claim 1 has been amended so that it no longer claims the same invention that is claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,731,548. However, amended claim 1 as well as new claims 46-108 are considered to be patentable for reasons that are somewhat similar to the reasons why the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,731,548 are patentable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are therefore earnestly solicited.

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